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## Eleventh General Synod To Meet

The 1.8 million member United Church of Christ will hold its eleventh General Synod in Washington, D.C., June 30-July 5. The 703 delegates will wrestle with such major issues as the right of every citizen to a job, the handicapped, the aging, gratuitous violence and exploitation of sex on television, the quality of life in rural America and other issues.

They will also elect the first president of the Church. The Rev. Avery D. Post, Massachusetts UCC Conference Minister, has been chosen for the office by the church's official nominating committee. Nominations may come from the floor.

Over 2,000 persons are expected to attend the meeting. Guests and visitors will be present from churches in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America as well as from the U.S. Also attending will be United Church missionaries who serve in twenty-eight countries.

The Synod worship service will be held Sunday, July 3, at the Washington Cathedral. In the procession will be representatives of the denomination's 39 conference and local congregations, carrying banners made especially for the celebration.

## Caution Marks Talks With Disciples

The possibility for a merger of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been a long standing proposal. But in a recent meeting in Pittsburgh Feb. 13-14 between representatives of the UCC and the Christian Church, it was agreed that no timetable will be included in their proposals for conversations on union between the two churches. It was further recommended that the General Synod of the United Church meeting this July 4th, approve two years of informal conversations between congregations, ministers and members before making any formal decisions to conduct union negotiations. This would provide ample time for members of churches and professional workers to become better acquainted.

## Eleventh Annual Meeting Features Largest Attendance On Record

The eleventh Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ met in Atlanta Friday through Sunday, June 10-12. A record number of 249 people registered and were present. Of this number 69 were young people attending the Youth Caucus which was held concurrently with the Annual Meeting.

As was the case one year ago when the Conference met in Savannah, Ga., this year's Annual Meeting featured a bus trip that moved the delegates to several different locations during the three day meeting.

Beginning on Friday evening, the Annual Meeting got under way at Central Congregational Church, UCC, located in the northeast section of Atlanta. Following registration, delegates were divided and assigned to one of four "review committees" to become better acquainted with, review and critique a specific area of the Conference's work during the past year.

On both Friday evening and Saturday morning the young people present attended a "Youth Caucus," a special feature of this year's Annual Meeting. A structure for Conference youth activities was dis-

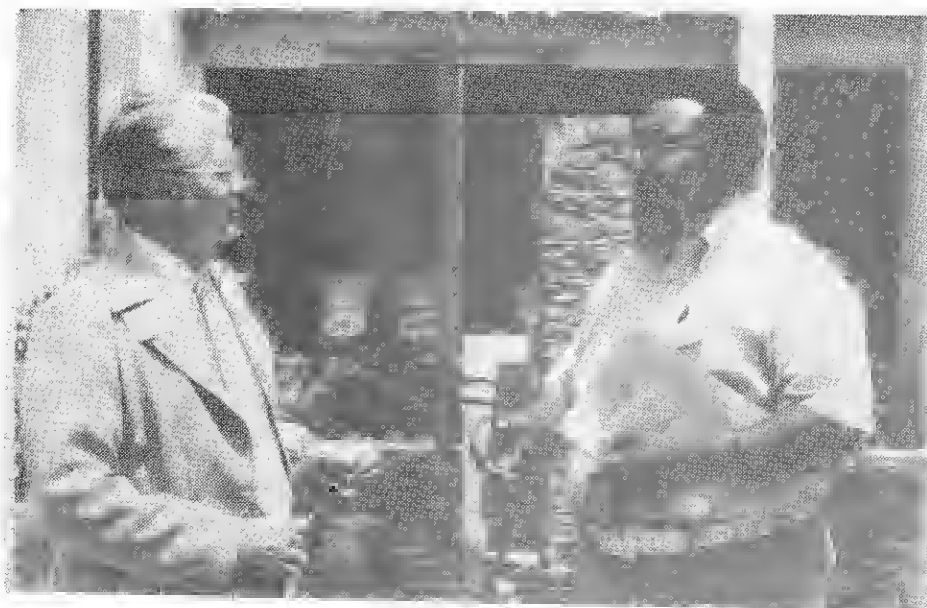
cussed as well as programs and plans that the youth of each Association would pursue at their Association's annual meeting this fall.

Central Church was again the site when the Annual Meeting reconvened on Saturday morning. Following the morning business session, Conference Minister William J. Andes addressed the delegates

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Newly-elected Conference Moderator, Dr. David Beebe



The Annual Meeting celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ and the cross that binds all people one to another.



Via bus conference delegates were given a tour of Atlanta and were transported to two different locations.

## Annual Meeting - Cont.

concerning the rapidly expanding population of the "sunbelt" — the southern portion of the United States — of which the Southeast Conference is very much a part. He reminded the Conference of the present opportunity and need for new church starts and urged Conference officers and national staff to take appropriate and enthusiastic action.

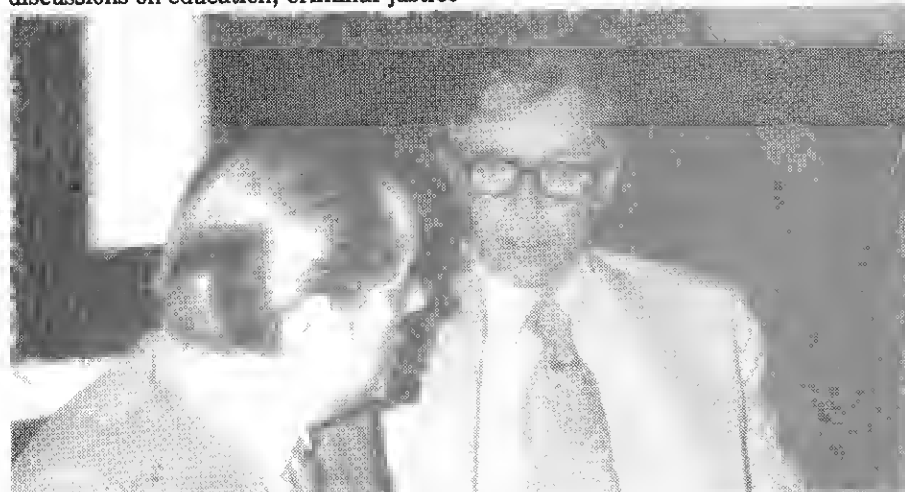
Following lunch, a surprise Service of Recognition was held in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Andes in the sanctuary of Central Church. Gifts and tokens of appreciation were presented as were many words of appreciation for the service the Andes' have rendered to the Conference.

During the afternoon, the Conference was "on the move." With a slight alteration in the schedule, delegates boarded buses for a tour that included the new subway construction in downtown Atlanta and other sights. Arriving at Georgia State University, delegates entered the Urban Living Center for an afternoon presentation on "Urban Living, Present and Future," which featured discussions on education, criminal justice

and consumer affairs presented by recognized specialists in each area.

Moving once again, buses carried Conference delegates to the Inter-denominational Theological Center in downtown Atlanta where the evening meal was served and several further presentations were made. Delegates were then bussed back to Central Church for a discussion of General Synod issues, led by special guest Richard Griffis, Assistant to the President of the United Church of Christ.

Sunday morning the Conference reconvened at First Congregational Church, UCC in downtown Atlanta. Following the final business session, the delegates and young people participated in a truly magnificent worship service celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ. Affirming and celebrating the occasion were some 500 worshipers — the largest number of people to ever worship together at an Annual Meeting. Referring to the worship service, one delegate remarked, "What an exhilarating way to end an Annual Meeting and begin our 21st year as a truly united — United Church of Christ!"



A conference delegate visits with special guest Rev. Richard Griffis, Assistant to

the President of the United Church of Christ.

## 1977 Conference

### Stewardship Impressive

The financial reports of giving for the fiscal year that ended on Dec. 31, 1976 gave great cause for rejoicing at the Conference Annual Meeting. The 1976 goal for Our Christian World Mission (OCWM) Basic Support giving was set at \$76,000. And, unless one wants to quibble about a \$33 shortage, we made it! Broken down by associations all areas were able to pretty much hold their own or increase their contributions. The highest gain was achieved by the Alabama-Tennessee Association whose churches increased their giving to OCWM by some 28%!

Increases were also noted in giving to the 17/76 Achievement Fund as well as to other OCWM special offerings whose receipts increased by a substantial 20%.

Twenty-seven percent of the OCWM Basic Support monies were sent to support the National Offices, a total of \$20,511 as compared to \$16,092 in 1975.

In sum, 1976 was a very healthy year for OCWM giving. Such an excellent record of giving provides much hope for the challenges which an increasing Conference budget will provide during the next three years.

## 17/76 Fund Tops

### \$50,000 Mark

The Southeast Conference has every reason to be proud of its record thus far in the 17/76 Achievement Fund Campaign. As of May, 1977 receipts exceeded \$50,000 bringing Conference churches within reach of the \$75,044 pledged for the three year campaign. Contributions have been received almost exactly on schedule. With one year of the campaign remaining, some 33% of the amount pledged still remains outstanding, and is scheduled for payment through April of 1978.

The 17/76 Achievement Fund Campaign is a United Church of Christ effort to raise 13 million dollars for educational institutions traditionally related to the United Church of Christ both in this country and overseas. In this country, recipients of the fund will be six colleges who have a proud heritage of serving the black community.

In this final year, participating churches are urged to double their efforts to meet their pledge to the campaign. Chairman of the Southeast Conference 17/76 Achievement Fund Continuation Committee is the Rev. Stephen C. Gray.



Dr. William and Carey Andes

## Dr. and Mrs. Andes Honored In Special Service

One of the very special occasions of this year's Annual Meeting was a "Special Service of Recognition" for Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. William J. Andes and his wife, Carey Andes. Held on Saturday afternoon of the Annual Meeting, the hour long service of recognition was planned by the Conference Board of Directors to honor the Andes for the stirring leadership, devotion, support and warm friendship that they have exhibited during their tenure for the past 11 years. It was a time for the churches that compose the Southeast Conference to express to the Andes their support for the future and a well deserved "thank you" for the past.

Presiding over the service, the Rev. Hank Tuttle explained that the position of Conference Minister is one of the most demanding ministries in the entire United Church of Christ. Required to work alone a great deal of the time, the Conference Minister is "invisible" to the great majority of church members in any Conference. Nevertheless, the effectiveness of the Conference Minister's leadership is very visible in the morale of

its ministers, the cohesion of its churches, the reliability of its stewardship and the vision of its future. The Conference Minister is expected to be a leader, a visionary, a programmer, a reconciler, a pastor and a friend.

The degree to which Bill and Carey Andes fulfilled these "impossible" expectations was eloquently put into words by Mrs. Walter Hall, Past Moderator of the Conference, the Rev. Richard Griffis from the Office of the President of the United Church of Christ, and by Mr. Franklin Thomas, presiding Moderator of the Southeast Conference. Innumerable other words of thanks were presented to the

## The Andes Say "Many Thanks"

Dear Friends in the Southeast Conference:

It is hard to get back to normal and say exactly what is in our hearts about the special service you gave us on Saturday, June 11, at the Annual Meeting. Taking place at Central Church was meaningful in itself, but with all of you surrounding us it seemed more thrilling than anything we ever dreamed.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the gracious outpouring of affection and praise which you bestowed upon us. We felt not only great appreciation and elation, but were also very humble and overcome to have such honor bestowed upon us — even though we were not retiring! Such an occasion makes us feel that you are so wonderful and appreciative we should work even harder in the next few years left to us.

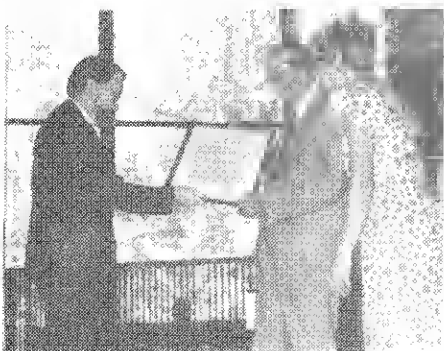
Thanks for all of our special and carefully selected gifts, which are all wonderful: corsage for Carey, Citation for Billy, beautiful oil painting by Elsie Dreach, the generous, meaningful letters, as well as a well-filled billfold. How can we help but love you!

Billy and Carey

Andes in a bound copy of letters received from individuals and churches across the Conference.

In addition, several special presentations were made to the Andes. In addition to a corsage for Mrs. Andes, Dr. Andes was presented a Citation by the Conference. A beautiful oil painting by Elsie Dreach and a well-filled billfold were also given as tokens of appreciation.

Many thanks Bill and Carey! We look forward to your leadership in the years ahead.





Some of the 69 young people attending the Youth Caucus.

## Youth Meeting Highlights Conference

A very special part of this year's Annual Meeting was a "Youth Caucus" which met apart from other Conference meetings in special sessions held on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Some 69 young people, representing churches from each area of which the Southeast Conference is composed, participated in the caucus.

Under the able leadership of Trudi Sanford and Ann Simmons, the young people spent their time getting to know one another, growing in oneness, and making plans for a renewed youth program and ministry not only as a Conference, but through their Associations as well.

The spark plug of this effort has been Trudi Sanford who helped to gather together 27 high school youth and advisors from nine UCC churches in the Southeast Conference who met on three separate

weekends during the past year. Meeting with Mr. Jeff Hipsher, a Youth Intern from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the group experienced the concern the UCC has for youth at all levels of the church, learned empowerment and leadership skills and developed strategy for future Conference programs for youth, the first program of which was the Youth Caucus event held during this year's Conference Annual Meeting.

A tangible result of the Youth Caucus meetings was a set of priorities for Conference Youth activity and suggested programming for the young people to present at their Association's Annual Meetings this fall.

## 1977-78 Desk Calendar Available

The latest edition of the Desk Calendar and Plan Book is now ready for delivery. The 1977-1978 edition has a new look, using cartoon-style drawings to illustrate the varieties of ministries in which the church engages.

Regular features that church leaders have come to depend upon are included again, such as planning-helps, program suggestions, directories of conference and national offices, identification of special

## Resolution Concerning Youth Approved

On Sunday morning the delegates to the Annual Meeting approved the following resolution prepared and presented by the Youth Core Leadership Group, representing some 69 young people attending the Conference. The resolution, presented to the Outreach, Church and Ministry and Christian Education Commissions, read as follows:

Whereas, two young people (the Georgia Youth Empowerment Team) have provided many of our churches with fresh input and initiative for youth ministry (a problem area for many of our churches);

Whereas, many young people of the Southeast Conference have seemingly "come alive" to the prospect of new and challenging opportunities for involvement in the church;

Whereas, the United Church of Christ as a denomination (through General Synod) has supported the involvement of young people in all areas of responsibility and privilege within the church;

The Youth Core Group of the Southeast Conference, 1977, makes the following resolution for approval and action:

That the local churches, Associations, and Conference, which make up the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, ought to begin the search for and development of environments within which young people's gifts and strengths as equal and important parts of the Body of Christ might be utilized to strengthen the Church.

days and lectionary readings.

One free copy of the Desk Calendar is sent to each local church and additional copies for church officers may be ordered from: the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. The price is \$2.00 per copy.



Co-Leader Ann Simmons



# Ole Thermometer U Lauds Grads

The 1977 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference provided the occasion for the annual graduation exercises of Ole Thermometer U. A revered and esteemed institution, Ole Thermometer U is known for its tireless and never ending efforts to laud, to uplift, even to raise the temperature by several degrees, conferred upon those lay and clergy persons whose actions have extinguished them during the past year.

Meeting in the dining area of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary, facilities that proved themselves adequate for a roasting, festivities got underway with the entrance of OTU President Homer McEwen and Dean Warren Blankenhorn, both of whom were sporting academic regalia suitably unsuitable for the occasion.

Missing from the festivities, for the second year in a row, were the school band and choir whose bus painted in the school colors of chartreuse and plaid, was last seen in Slapout, Alabama, apparently heading for Savannah, site of the 1976 Annual Meeting.

Undaunted by this turn of events, President McEwen and Dean Blankenhorn proceeded with great pomp and wilted circumstance to "lay it on" and otherwise confer the first, second and even third degree on the following chosen few: In recognition of his nomination as Moderator of the next General Synod, Rev. Milton Hurst received the degree of Dr. of Synodical Synoptics. Rev. Bill Scott was duly chastised for his failure to recognize the unparalleled worth of an OTU degree and was correspondingly dubbed as Dr. of Institutional Sublimation. And finally, for his unrelenting leadership as Moderator of



Receiving degrees are past Conference Moderator Franklin Thomas [above] and Rev. Bill Scott [below].



the Conference, Mr. Franklin Thomas received the degree of Dr. of Conferential Order and Orchestration, otherwise known as CO2.

Following graduation ceremonies, the singing of the alma mater was overlooked, and Dean Blankenhorn instructed the new graduates to go home and sin no more.



Seeing no evil and speaking no evil are OTU Dean Warren Blankenhorn and President Homer McEwen.

## Officers Elected At Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report to the delegates of the Annual Meeting, who accepted the report as read. Dates signify the length of each term of office.

|                                    |      |
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| Moderator — David Beebe            | 1979 |
| Vice Moderator — Henry Tuttle      | 1979 |
| Secretary — Mrs. Woody Clark       | 1978 |
| Ass't. Secretary — Mrs. Jean Daily | 1978 |

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| Members-at-Large, Board of Directors: |      |
| J.T. McAdams                          | 1978 |
| Milton Hurst                          | 1980 |

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| Commissions Coordinators:     |      |
| Church and Ministry —         |      |
| Walter Hall                   | 1979 |
| Church and Ministry, Ass't. — |      |
| W.T. Scott, Jr.               | 1978 |
| Christian Education —         |      |
| Mrs. Marian Cameron           | 1979 |
| Christian Education, Ass't. — |      |
| Miss Yubenia Prigmore         | 1978 |
| Outreach —                    |      |
| Floyd Carmack                 | 1979 |
| Outreach, Ass't. —            |      |
| Jackie Shrago                 | 1978 |

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| Representatives to:                    |      |
| Urban Training Organization of Atlanta |      |
| W.T. Scott, Jr.                        | 1979 |
| Villa International Atlanta —          |      |
| Mr. William S. Jackson                 |      |

## Conference Annual Meeting Applauded

One of the delegates to the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting, Rev. Alford Carleton, made the following report to the members of his church, Pleasant Hill Community Church, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee:

The most significant aspect of the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, UCC at Atlanta on June 10-12, 1977, was nothing that found a place in the agenda nor will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. It was evident joy and satisfaction in the fellowship there of old friends and new-made friends, taking advantage of the once-a-year opportunity to feel the warmth of friendship and to exchange news and ideas. The churches of the Southeast Conference are widely scattered over a broad area, and there is a little loneliness to be overcome when we meet. Old and young, men and women, black and white met with evident joy to build higher the sense of oneness and cohesion that is so necessary in the growth of the life of the churches or of the individuals concerned.



Milton Hurst receiving OTU's third degree

## Milton Hurst Nominated As General Synod Moderator

Nominated as the new Moderator of the United Church of Christ is a layman in the Southeast Conference: Mr. Milton Hurst. A member of and supply preacher for First Church, UCC in Talladega, Alabama, Mr. Hurst is currently engaged in graduate work at Auburn University as well as serving as the Dean of Students at Talladega College. Talladega is an A.M.A. related college and one of the recipients of the 17/76 Achievement Fund.

Congratulations Milton! We are proud that "one of our own" is providing leadership for the denomination and know it to be in good hands.

## "Formula For Hunger" Adopted

Delegates to the 1977 Annual Meeting voted to adopt a "Formula For Hunger" and recommend its usage to each of the churches composing the Southeast Conference. The "Formula" stipulates that each family set aside and contribute to their local church an amount equal to 2 cents per person, per meal, per week. Over a year's time this amounts to a hunger contribution of \$21.90 per person! It was further suggested that Conference churches disperse funds collected to combat hunger on the order of 50% to local hunger programs and 50% to international hunger programs.

For further information and ideas on hunger programs in the United States and overseas, write to Neill Richards, UCC Hunger Action Program, 16th Floor, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N.Y. 10027.

## Georgia Youth Empowerment Team Sponsors Leadership Camp

Youth ministry needs to be a priority in every church. The United Church of Christ was rewarded for its efforts in doing just that by having an outstanding initial youth caucus for the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting. Not only was a resolution passed by the total conference for continued youth awareness, but plans were made for youth caucuses in the individual associations. The support of influential adult advocates for youth and a committed core group of youth has enabled the youth to take on a deeper role within the life of the total United Church of Christ.

Leadership development is the key to maintaining a strong core group of youth who will be sensitive to the needs of the youth within this conference and plan programs to meet these needs. As a culmination of the work of the Georgia Youth Empowerment Team, a four day leadership development camp is to take place August 11-14. This ecumenical camp will be led by resource persons who will offer intensive training enabling youth to more effectively take on their own leadership in the local church or on a denominational level. It will be held at Camp Chattahoochee in Roswell, Georgia. Recreational activities are available. The total cost will be \$45.00.

The camp will be unique in several ways. Leaders with special training in

## Board For World Ministries Urges Prayer

In a telegram to the churches of the Southeast Conference, Dr. David Stowe, Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for World Ministries, urges the members of our churches to join their brothers and sisters of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, beginning on June 13, in a continuing time of prayer and mourning for those who were killed, maimed and imprisoned as a result of oppressive South Africa Government action beginning in Soweto on June 16, 1976.

youth ministry will be present from several areas of the country to conduct intensive leadership training. Attending the camp will be youth from the Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples). Denominational barriers will be crossed to give a wider vision of the total Christian community as well as to expose mutual problems and common solutions. Finally, in addition to encouraging an ecumenical identity, denominational ties will also be strengthened. Time is being provided for separate denominational caucusing to make future plans or to deal with individual difficulties that a denomination may be experiencing.

If you would like more information about this event, please contact the Georgia Youth Empowerment Team's office at First Christian Church, 2306 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA 31204.

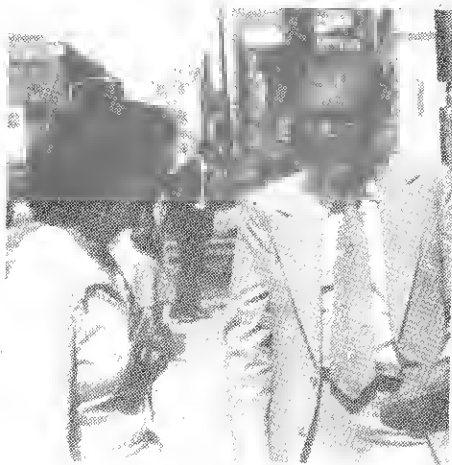


Pastor James Fields and his starting backfield from Plymouth UCC

## Coins Combat Hunger

Allison Turnham, aged 12, of Todd Church in Shawmut, Ala., should be an inspiration to persons of all ages throughout the Southeast Conference!!! For several months she saved pennies and larger coins daily for those in the world who are hungry. She has just sent to the Hunger Task Force of the Southeast Conference the total of \$13.62. This will be forwarded to the Hunger Action Fund of the United Church of Christ. Let's follow her good example in each of our churches.

It is easy to get frustrated and blame the non-functioning society or individual. When plugged into the resources of power and connected with the weakness of those run down by the system, new hope and energy is unleashed.



Some of the 249 delegates attending the 11th Annual Meeting.

Some 23 members of Church of the Savior, Knoxville, visited Uplands Retirement Center May 22 and 23. Following Sunday morning worship services, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the facilities. A number of people expressed their excitement about making Uplands the place of their retirement!

Rev. Charles Bohana, minister of Bethel Congregational-Christian Church, is listed in serious condition at LaGrange, Ga. Hospital. While he can receive no visitors, cards and your prayers would be appreciated.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Munson have returned to Pleasant Hill after a three month visit to Ghana. While there Dr. Munson's surgical skills were put to great use while Helen Munson worked on special projects in the local hospital.

**Bokotola**, written by Millard Fuller, has gone into a second printing! If you have not ordered this book, please do so! It is the story of how "Habitat for Humanity" got underway. The price is \$3.95. A 40 percent discount is available when ordering over 6 copies. All proceeds above \$2.10 go directly to "Habitat." To order, write: Millard Fuller, 417 West Church Street, Americus, Ga. 31709.



## — NEWS & NOTES —

A senior-hi U.C.Y. Mini-Camp, sponsored by the East Alabama Association was held May 27-29 at the YMCA Camp near Montgomery and was well attended.

Vaughan Hall has been named to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Berea College. He is a chemistry major in the college's pre-medicine program. Vaughan is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hall of Pleasant Hill, Tennessee.

Mr. Tom Schroeder, a UCC student at Vanderbilt Divinity School, is serving as the youth and Christian education assistant at Pilgrim Congregational Church, U.C.C. in Chattanooga. Mr. Schroeder's appointment began in June and will be completed in August.

Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor emeritus of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Chattanooga, is conducting early Sunday morning worship services at Bass Bay on Soddy Lake, near Chattanooga. Rev. Slater has conducted lakeside summer worship for the past several years.

The Morgan-Scott Habitat program in Tennessee is just now being organized. The plan is to renovate 30 homes and build 10 new ones during the next 12 months. For further information, write: Mr. Mark Frey, P.O. Box 8, Deer Lodge, Tenn. 37726.

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## Help For Handicapped Urged

An Open Letter  
Mrs. Helen Weber  
Board for Homeland Ministries  
United Church of Christ:

As a handicapped person I would like to share my experience with you in hopes that it might help you and your committee, and all others who may be interested, regarding the issue to be discussed at the General Synod on the relationship between the church and the handicapped.

Removal of architectural barriers such as stairs and restrooms that are too narrow are excellent suggestions and should be applauded, but they do not get to the heart of the matter. To do so, let me offer my experience.

To put it in a nutshell, I grew up hating God. I blamed God for making me handicapped and I decided then and there that I wanted no part of Him or His church. Now how in heaven's name are people supposed to grow spiritually with an attitude like that? — an attitude that is so prevalent with handicapped people. I seethed every time my minister (I was not a UCC member at the time) mentioned God's love because I, in my infinite ignorance, "knew" it wasn't so.

Fortunately, due to a great deal of help from a great many people, especially my UCC ministers, I have overcome this. My concern now is for others who might be in similar situations. Please, I beg of you, help "my" people not only in terms of their physical needs, but especially in terms of their spiritual needs.

Sincerely,  
Frances Watts  
Brookmeade UCC  
Nashville, Tenn.

## Services Held For Mrs. Wilmer McCord

Graveside services for Mrs. Wilmer L. McCord of Atlanta were held June 14, 1977. Mrs. McCord was the secretary-bookkeeper in the Southeast Conference office for many years. She had served in the same position in the office of the Southeast Convention while Dr. J.H. Lightborne, Jr. was the Convention Superintendent.

She was survived by two nieces.



## One Hundred Years At Uskadar

The Uskadar American Academy, an outstanding school for 560 girls, recently celebrated its one hundredth year. Founded by Laura Farnham and Leila Parsons in 1876 at Babcecik, and later moved to Adapazari and then later Izmit, the school has been located at Uskudar in Istanbul, Turkey since 1921.

Helen Morgan, a representative of our United Church Board for World Ministries, retired as principal of the school this year after 25 years of service. Helen recalls, "At the beginning, we had very few Turkish students. Girl students from non-Muslim communities, especially Armenian girls, were in the majority. With revolutions and the changing of times, the leader Ataturk came to be especially aware of the importance of foreign language in education and culture. So he supported us for this reason. Today, 90 percent of our students are Turkish and Muslim.

In 1976, a classification of schools in Turkey showed Uskudar to be 7th among 1,279 schools and first among all schools for girls. Quality education for women is the record and the continuing goal for Uskudar American Academy. Through your support of Our Christian World Mission, you help to make it so!

\*If you choose not to eat a hamburger to conserve some of the U.S. consumption of beef, but do not divert the money you would have spent to world hunger, you have not helped the world hunger crisis.

## Circular Church Sponsors Health Fair

Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, S.C. was the sponsor of a Health Fair on Sunday, May 22nd. Following morning worship services which considered the theology of and Christian concern for good health, a special lunch was prepared based on various food categories and demonstrating a nutritionally balanced diet. During the afternoon, health care professionals were on hand to conduct screening for diabetes and high blood pressure. Information booths dispensed pamphlets and referral information on hypertension, cancer, eye care, weight control, drugs and alcohol, mental health and sickle cell disease. Other activities demonstrating good mental health and new first aid procedures were also offered.

Joining Circular Church in the all day Health Fair were two congregations from the United Presbyterian Church, both of which were located in Charleston.

## Ministers Requested To Update Profiles

All ordained ministers are asked to write up their ministerial profiles for the Office for Church Life and Leadership in New York. This should be done between now and May 1, 1978. Any minister having a profile in the office in New York needs to update their profile.

Those ministers not having a profile should write to the Southeast Conference office, P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30359, for blank copies of the profile to be used for this purpose.

## Floral Creativity Enhances Penecost

The Altar Committee of Knoxville Church of the Savior contributed a "special touch" to Pentecost this year. The church's altar was decorated with fiery red gladioli emplaned in a bed of coal, recalling the story of the flames of fire surrounding the heads of those gathered on the first Pentecost Sunday. Behind the altar was a large banner with a fire enshrouded dove and the words "Let thy holy spirit come upon us."